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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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EP 0520862 A1 is in French, its three U.S. counterparts Chevallier et al., U.S. Patent Nos. 5,403,570, 5,587,416 and 5,547,502 are cited to serve as English translations.

EP 0078909 A2 is in German, its U.S. counterpart Nauroth et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,495,167 is cited to serve as an English translation.

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